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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2022

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the “Multiplication Tables Check”. Due to the pandemic, this test was postponed over the last two years. However, we have had it confirmed that the tests will be going ahead, as planned this year.

Here’s what you need to know:

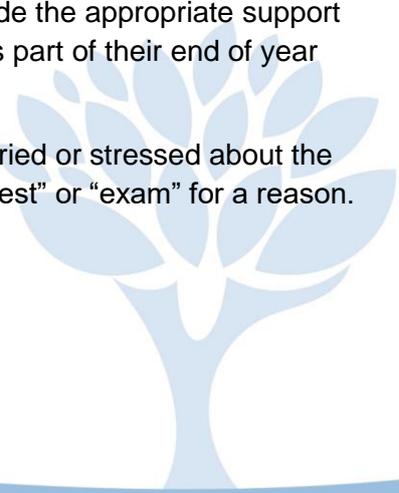
Under the National Curriculum primary school children are expected to know their all up their times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12x12. Times tables are taught and rehearsed regularly in all year groups at Frimley and this ‘Tables Check’ will be useful checkpoint.

The check itself:

- will take place in the summer term in June 2022.
- is done online using a computer or tablet.
- can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class.
- will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- there’s no problem solving or division, just simple “3 x 4 = ?” type questions.

The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child’s score will be shared with you as part of their end of year report.

I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a “check” rather than a “test” or “exam” for a reason.





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How you can support your child at home:

. Some easy ways for parents to support their child with practising times tables includes:

- regularly asking questions such as “what’s 7 x 8?”
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games (see below about a resource your pupil has access to)
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

Crucially, we ~~also~~ ask that you encourage your ~~Y4~~ child to use their online TTRockstars account as regularly as possible – it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and is great fun!

One of the excellent features of TTRockstars is the ‘Sound Check’. This is an online game set up in the same way as the MTC in June. Practising via ‘Sound Check’ will help children to prepare for the MTC. Equally, MathsFrame have also created an online check that is very similar to the MTC:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

For further information about these checks please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

If you should have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us using the school office email address.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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